

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of the above amendment are respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the specification to recite the serial number of the application cited at page 7, lines 6-12.

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/738,689 was called to the Patent Office's attention in the Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0007043 A1 and a form PTO 08 A listing it are enclosed. It is noted that this document published less than three months ago and the filed application was listed in the subject patent application, so no fee is believed to be due for submitting this document.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed direct dial number in order to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In showing the changes, deleted material is shown between brackets, and inserted material is shown double underlined and bold.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, lines 6-12, is amended as follows:

In another preferred embodiment, the process is carried out in continuous mode. Here, the temperature range is preferably as specified above with respect to the general conditions, with 150-250°C being preferred, 170-220°C more preferred, and 180 to 210°C most preferred. Preferred continuous processes are described in U.S. Patent Application No. [] **09/738,689** (Docket # CL1483) **(U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0010374 A1, published January 24, 2002)**, filed concurrently herewith, and the provisional patent application 60/172,126, filed December 17, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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